

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

**Hebrews 3:7-19**

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**THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:**

## **“The Suicide Of Unbelief” - Part 5**

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all sufficient and eternal priest. In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law, being centrality of those ministries.

**SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:**

**The better sacrifice, atonement, salvation, redemption, sanctification, justification.**

Leaving off from where we have been, we now move on deeper into Hebrews Chapter 3 - - In what the brilliant biblical scholar, Dr. Charles Ryrie calls “The Catastrophe of Unbelief.”

**We’ve been calling it - what is more relevant to us in our day as “The Suicide of Unbelief”**

**The single most important issue of your life now is your relationship to the Holy Spirit. It is The Holy Spirit who is the key to:**

**Understanding. Growth. Maturity. Holiness. Power. The Gifts. Vision. Purpose. Fulfillment. Heaven.**

Hebrews 3:7-19

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: *“Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. 10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, “They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.’ 11 So I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.’ ” 12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to*

the end, 15 while it is said: *“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”* 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could (would) not enter in because of unbelief.

### **“This Suicide of Unbelief”**

1.) And the Holy Spirit

vs. 7a

## **“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says...”**

### **“The Suicide of Unbelief”**

2.) This sense of urgency

vs. 7b-11

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### **“This Sense of Urgency”**

#### **The Suicide of Unbelief**

2a.) Human responsibility and the grace of God

vs. 7b

#### **Verse 7b**

*7b “Today, if you will hear His voice*

According to the Bible and according to God himself, there is the natural responsibility placed at the foot of man to seek out God and to hear his voice.

**“Today”** as in right now!

**“If”** placing the pro-choice factor of salvation on us.

**“Hear”** as in listening for His voice!

## **The Urgency of Hearing God's Voice**

Acts 17:16-31

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. 17 Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. 18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? 20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean." 21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring.' 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

## **The Urgency of Hearing God's Voice**

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

## **The Urgency of Hearing God's Voice**

Philippians 2:8-11

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **The Urgency of Hearing God's Voice**

Acts 2:36-40

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." 40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

When it comes to the things of God –  
we know that there is an invisible war that rages in the spiritual  
realm; between the powers of darkness and the powers of light,  
between good and evil.

**This Invisible War Is Directed Against The Souls of Men.  
There is something to the value of each and every human being  
that makes us the prize as it were in this great war.**

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

**This was never said of angels – only humans.**

Genesis 3:24

So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way (prevent) to the tree of life.

Hebrews 1:13-14

But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Psalm 104:3 NLT; Psalm 104:4 NKJV

You lay out the rafters of your home in the rain clouds. You make the clouds your chariot; You ride upon the wings of the wind. :4 Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

Angels, Satan, Demons, and the existence of Mankind  
- this is the battle and we're at war!

**Now according to the Scriptures, this war and its outcome has already been determined by the cross of Jesus Christ and His resurrection from the dead.**

**Yet, Satan's ongoing war is against you - to inflict pain into the heart of God by going after the very ones who God displayed His love and affection for in a very special way...**

**(It is my personal conviction; this is my opinion – that in eternity past when Lucifer heard of God's plan to create man in His own image and to give man all that God has – caused the mind of Lucifer to become so envious that it provoked in him to sin and he rebelled.)**

Ezekiel 28:11-17a

Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. 16 "By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of

God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. 17 “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings.

Isaiah 14:12-16

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: (1) “I will ascend into heaven, (2) I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; (3) I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 (4) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, (5) I will be like the Most High.’ 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. 16 “Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,

**#1**

13 For you have said in your heart: (1) “I will ascend into heaven

**Heaven is what has been promised to all of God’s children – those who have been granted eternal life.**

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

**#2**

For you have said in your heart:, (2) I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

**We who have been Born-Again Jesus said, would also “Rule and reign with Him in His Kingdom Forever and have Authority over the angels.”**

Luke 10:19-20

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

### #3

For you have said in your heart: (3) I will also sit  
on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

**Ancient scholars as well as the scholars of ancient religions and cultures have found a connection here to this biblical reference of Satan's desire. "(I WILL ALSO SIT) on the Mount of the Congregation" refers to his desire to rule over all the ranks and orders of all beings – spirit, human and even YHWH Himself.**

## **There is only One – and Satan is not Him**

1 Corinthians 6:3

Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

### #4

For you have said in your heart: 14 (4) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

### #5

For you have said in your heart: (5) I will be like the Most High.'

## **This Next Passage is Really Creepy**

It's a lie that Satan had whispered to himself and believed it,  
so why not use it on Eve to get her to sin by believing it.

Genesis 3:1-5

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" :2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " :4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Luke 4:5-8

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." :8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

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*End of Study*

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